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1. Marius Magnien, formerly foreign editor of l'Humanite, organ of the French Communist Party, and at present Chief of the French Communist Party Foreign Section, visited Swedish Communist Party headquarters in Stockholm on 19 November 1948, and conferred with Sven Linderot, Chairman of the SCP, and Britjof Lager, who recently was made Secretary General of the SCP. Magnien left Stockholm for Copenhagen on 20 November. [REDACTED] Comment. It is not known whether a special Foreign Section of the French Communist Party exists; however, it was reported in [REDACTED] that Magnien maintains liaison with foreign Communist Parties on behalf of the French Communist Party.)
2. Magnien reportedly recommended that the SCP attempt to influence the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions, the LO, to have funds set aside for a French "strike fund." He stated that this measure was necessary in order to remove the stigma attached to such funds, which hitherto have been contributed exclusively by the Soviet Union or satellite countries; contributions from Swedish and Danish unions would not be characterized as masqueraded subsidies, and would assist in placing other contributions to the strike funds in a better light. [REDACTED] Comment. Press reports state that non Soviet and satellite states have contributed to the French strike fund.)
3. Magnien requested information regarding the negotiations for a Scandinavian Bloc, and was furnished a memorandum on this subject by the SCP.
4. Later, Magnien met Per Meurling, pro-Cominform SCP member who recently attended a secret pro-Cominform conference in Oslo (see [REDACTED] Magnien and Meurling had previously met in Belgrade, Sofia and Paris. Magnien reportedly told Meurling that under no circumstances did he think that the Cominform should develop into a new Comintern. He questioned the advisability of the Scandinavian Communist Parties' joining the Cominform, and recommended that they work intimately with the Cominform without actual membership.
5. Magnien questioned Meurling as to the possibility of the SCP organizing strikes among Swedish iron ore workers in order to hinder reconstruction of the Ruhr. Meurling is said to have stated that the SCP could not organize such strikes at this time.

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